

Anti-Semitism Rises in Britain, Laborites Admit

Morrison Has Facts But Takes No Action; Gov't
May Use Jews as Scapegoat as
People's Sufferings Grow

By Art Shields

Evidence that anti-Semitism is rising in Great Britain during the war is leaking through the Churchill censorship. Admission that anti-Jewish agitation is growing stronger as a result of the war appears in the Socialist Tribune of Nov. 22, which arrived here by mail yesterday.

The Tribune, a government supporter, is edited by Raymond Postgate, son-in-law of the late George Lansbury. Its contributors include Harold Laski and Margaret Cole.

Citing a series of anti-Semitic items in the press, Editor Postgate remarks: "I have seen such things in New York papers, but never before here."

Before the war anti-Semitic advertisements were rejected by newspapers. Now, Postgate asserts, advertisements are advertised as suitable for "Christians" and "Gentiles."

Direct attacks on the Jewish people are noted. Postgate said he sent a correspondent to investigate anti-Semitism in a "small English town" (unnamed). There, he reports, three small Jewish girls evaded from the cities "had been turned out of their billets."

Another Jewish family was driven out of its rural retreat by the host's unkindness. A proposal to start a kosher butcher shop was under attack.

"Anti-Semitism is a disease that is liable to spread during the war," admits the editor.

But he supports this same imperialist war and therefore apologizes for the disease that he deplores.

He apologizes by doing a little Jew-baiting himself, by complaining about the "odd habits" of the Jewish evacuees. The editor also makes the provocative remark that the Jews make themselves "natural scapegoats" by their "differences of habits."

This fascist poison is circulated among the middle classes of England with the encouragement of the government itself. Postgate admits that the Laborite Home Secretary, Herbert Morrison, was aware of the

manifestations of anti-Semitism and had said that he "hoped" (merely hoped) that "public opinion" would stop it.

When the Home Secretary, who works with Churchill, merely "hopes" and does nothing, he becomes a party to the anti-Semitic manifestations himself.

The British government is not unwilling to use anti-Semitism to confuse the population which is expressing increasing opposition to the sufferings imposed on them by the war. It is ready to use anti-Semitism for the same reason that Hitler uses it.

The cases of anti-Semitism cited by the Tribune editor will be followed by more violent examples of anti-Jewish persecution if the Churchill-Hallifax war policy continues.

Warnings of the British government's hostile attitude towards the Jewish people were shown when Churchill and Halifax barred the ship Patria, with its 1,771 Jewish refugees, from Palestine.

Anti-Semitism was in retreat in Britain before the war began. Under Communist Party leadership the Mosley agitators had been driven from their corners in the East End of London, where they had been baiting the Jews for several years.

Blacklist parades through the East side had been smashed by the united forces of Jewish workers and the British dockers.

The British working class, Jewish and non-Jewish, will crush anti-Semitism permanently by the great popular forces that are rising today against the imperialist war and the war dictatorship of Churchill, Halifax and the monopolists.

Plan People's March on Capital to Halt War Loans

NMU Will Sponsor Conference Here to Launch
Demonstration Against War Loans and
Sale of Ships to Belligerents

A "people's march on Washington" in protest against the plot of war loans to Britain, and the threat of Congressional anti-strike bills will be proposed to the labor movement by the National Maritime Union, it was announced yesterday. Frederick Myers, NMU field organizer, said the union will initiate a conference, to be held within the next two weeks, to consider the march on the capital.

Plans for the march were unanimously approved at a general membership meeting of 3,000 NMU members in Manhattan Center last Thursday following a report by Myers calling for trade union action to halt the present "war program" of American big business.

"The sale of ships, new war loans to Britain and the Smith anti-strike bill are linked together as part of the general war program of American industrialists," Myers said yesterday.

"In addition to banning strikes, the Smith bill provides life imprisonment for any activity which might be construed as hampering production. This provision is open to all sorts of reactionary interpretations by courts representing large scale employers."

"As a matter of fact, Congressman Smith, sponsor of the bill, is an open and avowed enemy of the American wage-earner and has admitted as much on a number of occasions."

"Britain's supposed need for more ships is entirely faked. At this moment, British ships are carrying Venezuelan oil and Chilean copper to Spain for re-shipment to Germany and Italy. If England needs ships, let her use her own and not take ships out from under American crews."

"The Administration has two purposes in selling ships. One, to weaken the economic base of the progressive marine unions, particularly of the NMU. Two, to increase our stake in the present war so that it will be easier to draw us in on the side of Britain."

"There is only one way that this offensive of the industrialist war-

Milk Drivers Vote for New Local Officers

Four thousand International Brotherhood of Teamsters drivers employed by the Sheffield milk company went to the polls yesterday to vote for new officers of Local 584 of the union.

Running for office were seven aspirants to the local's executive board and six business agents.

Voting booths were set up in 27 barns of the Sheffield company throughout the area in which Local 584 members work.

Two main slates contesting for office were those composed of the incumbent officers, elected two years ago, and a second known as the Square Deal slate. Several independent candidates also ran for office.

Up until late last night, tabulations showed that the incumbents and the Square Deal candidates were running neck and neck. The results will be announced sometime today.

LONDON AND BERLIN REPORT-- MURDER GOES ON AS USUAL

ENGLISH MIDLANDS BOMBED

BERLIN, Monday, Dec. 16 (UP).—Sweeping upon their target above a cover of clouds, mixed squadrons of German bombers last night attacked an important town of Britain's industrial Midlands and started 30 "great fires" in a highly successful assault, informed Nazis said. "The clouds were colored red by the flames below," said a Nazi informant. Heavily hit were factories at Staffordshire.

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 16 (UP).—Widespread aerial activity over the British Isles died down early today and a northern English town reported "raiders clear" after being blasted by waves of German bombers dropping a steady hail of explosives.

BERLIN, Monday, Dec. 16 (UP).—British planes swept upon Berlin last night for the first time in 19 days, causing consternation among tens of thousands of persons caught by surprise in the streets, but the raiders "merely dropped leaflets" on one suburb, it was stated.

Jersey CIO on Record for a Labor Party

Convention Instructs Its
Officers to Draft a
Political Program

By George Morris

(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

PASSAIC, N. J., Dec. 15.—The third convention of the New Jersey Industrial Union Council today adopted a resolution directing its executive board and officers to formulate a program which would "guarantee and assure an independent political role for organized labor."

The resolution calls for "a common political program with other progressive groups" and warns of the present threat to labor's gains.

It declares that labor must organize politically "that it may be able to assume its full independent strength" and "participate in the political life of this country."

The resolution further urges Labor's non-Partisan League of New Jersey to give "serious consideration to this problem."

New Jersey's CIO, composed largely of textile, Amalgamated Clothing Workers and shipyard union locals, is a major stronghold of Hillman forces.

UNANIMOUS FOR 3RD PARTY
All speakers, including those still apologizing for Commissioner Hillman, expressed the opinion that a Labor Party should be formed. Even Carl Holderman, chairman of Labor Non-Partisan League and a Hillman follower, voiced a similar opinion, but with the qualification that "it is only a question of time."

Most of the speakers, however, were clear-cut in their demands for early formation of a Labor Party, pointing to examples of how New Jersey's two major political parties ignore labor as brazenly as those of southern states.

On most other major issues the convention, which began yesterday with a sharp break between the progressives and the supporters of Hillman, the delegates stood almost completely divided.

With all committees of the convention made up of Hillman forces by Chairman Abramson, and armed with a large number of proxy votes, the administration group was able to muster a majority vote. Abramson's group utilized its slight majority to pack the staff of officers and the executive board with a preponderance of its people.

ABRAMSON PRESIDENT
Abramson was elected as president with 304 votes to 268 for Joseph Meison, president of the Camden RCA local of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers.

Following that vote on a roll call there was little trouble on the rest of the slate, which Abramson railroaded through despite many nominations of other candidates made in caucuses of the respective union delegations.

Seven vice-presidents were elected. Carl Holderman was elected treasurer, and 21 members of the executive board were named.

The first indication of the convention's line-up came this morning when a roll call vote on a constitutional proposal resulted in 305 for the Abramson group and 293 for the progressives. The 293 votes went for a proposal which would have cut down representation of the textile union and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, which

'Our Way of Life' Department Feed Child on 21c a Day? Yes, Say Relief Officials

State Relief Head Boasts of Starvation Diet in
Effect; Alliance Blasts Conditions,
Demands Appropriation

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 15.—Thanks to the budget-cutting zeal of Mr. Charles R. Erdman, state relief head, all families on relief are allowed not more than \$1.50 a week per person. This is 21 cents a day for the wives and children of the workers who cannot find work.

When State Aid Administrator Erdman boasted cynically to the press this week that New Jersey relief costs reached an all-time low in October when 2,327 families were dropped from the relief rolls during one month, he neglected to mention the unbearable suffering among the unemployed that has accompanied this attack on their very existence.

William B. Hautau, acting Executive Secretary of the New Jersey Workers Alliance, today gave a picture of the real conditions on which "Relief-Tar" Erdman's boast is founded. "In this state," he said, "the relief administration have two policies—the one they use for publicity and the one they inflict on their relief victims."

The fired people have not been given work. They were fired on the merest pretext, Mr. Hautau said.

Also, food allowances are being chiseled down to semi-starvation levels. People who need special diets cannot get them. Allowances for milk, coal, clothes are being reduced widely.

Unemployed Negro families are discriminated against. A Negro woman who brought a slip asking for coal was asked: "Did you get this slip from a Negro or a white doctor?"

The relief authorities spoke of distributing 7,000 blankets for the winter, but the Workers Alliance has been able to find only one single case of anybody getting a blanket for the cold weather.

Conditions of WPA workers, Mr. Hautau said, are not much better than those of people on relief. In Newark, the pay is usually \$52.80 a month, but in outlying towns it is much lower. Workers complain of speed-up, miserable working conditions, and a lack of all safety devices on WPA jobs.

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BRITISH DRIVE INTO LIBYA

LONDON, Dec. 15 (UP).—Reliable sources reported late today that British forces had smashed across the Egyptian frontier and were driving the Italians steadily backward in bitter fighting on Libyan soil.

"In Egypt operations are proceeding on the Libyan frontier, where our troops continue to press the enemy," the communique said.

"A heavy dust storm is raging and visibility is bad." It said that on other fronts there was "no change in the situation."

Reports of the capture of the border fort of Capuzzo and 50,000 prisoners lacked confirmation here, although some sources said such a British success was "possible."

Italian prisoners in great masses were being transferred to detention camps "somewhere in Egypt." Planes, boats, trucks and even motorbikes were pressed into service to transport the bedraggled captives.

More than 10 trains of some 15 cars each passed through Alexandria during the night.

'Ja' Parliament Set Up By Petain In Fascist Move

Red-Baiters Now Lead
France to Fascism in
Fear of People

VICHY, Dec. 15 (UP).—

Marshal Henri Philippe Petain today announced his intention of creating a consultative national assembly.

It is indicated that it will be a body similar to Mussolini's Italian fascist Chamber of Fascist Corporations.

The announcement of the 84-year-old chief of the French state, only 24 hours after his removal of Vice Premier Pierre Laval "in the interests of the country," said that the National Assembly would both advise and "share responsibility."

It was established definitely Sunday, in a United Press telephone inquiry from Zurich, Switzerland, to Vichy that Laval is in custody on undisclosed charges after his surprise removal by Petain Saturday.

Petaim did not reveal whether the new Assembly will be by appointment or partially or wholly elected.

French political parties have been banned and thus the new Assembly is likely to contain representatives of all corporations and professions as well as representatives of scientific institutions and the universities.

"JA" RULE
[Despite all efforts to sugarcoat the new French Parliament's complete submission to the French fascist government, it is clear that Petaim's new Parliament will be a close copy of the Hitler and Mussolini type of "Ja" Parliament. Petaim and his group have thus

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Shanghai Tense

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15 (ICN).—The situation in the western district of Shanghai, blockaded by the Japanese, continues tense. Every day the Japanese police and military authorities conduct searches among the Chinese population. On Dec. 11, anti-Japanese slogans appeared in some streets in this district. This was followed by mass searches.

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F.D.R. Hints Longer Hours In 'Emergency'

President Echoes Knudsen Call for 'More Production'; Chamber of Commerce Admits
Cost of Living May Rise Soon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (UP).—As President Roosevelt returns to the capital tomorrow, observers believed that drastic action to step up production of defense materials was imminent, with possibly a Presidential proclamation extending the present "limited" emergency to a full emergency.

Some observers felt Mr. Roosevelt would keep this drastic move as an ace in the hole and limit his immediate action to a fireside chat.

Documents to put the nation on a full emergency basis are ready and need only the President's signature and seal.

(The Roosevelt demand for "full production" follows the recent cry of William Knudsen, defense commission chief, for longer hours of work on the part of American labor. That Roosevelt's plans are connected with Knudsen's demand is indicated by the United Press below. It is clear that pressure against the working hours and wage standards of Labor is now being pushed more and more into the open as the main immediate goal of President Roosevelt's policies.—Editor.)

A HINT
A hint of the seriousness with which Mr. Roosevelt views the future was seen in his statement today to patients of the infantile paralysis colony at Warm Springs, Ga., that he will make his annual Spring visit to the community "if the world survives."

[At the same time, the United Press reported that the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S., though it declared formally against rising prices, warned the people that they cannot expect "that prices will necessarily remain as they are."

This is a warning of rising cost of living as the a. aments program allows the industrialists to claim the protection of the "law of supply and demand."—Editor.]

Speeches in the last few days by leaders of the rearmament drive were regarded as forecasting forthcoming action to speed up production. For example:

1. Speaking in Chicago, defense procurement coordinator Donald M. Nelson said he saw disturbing indications that the public is not fully aware of the seriousness of the defense production problem. He called on the nation to "shake off this sense of complacency."

2. Defense commission production coordinator William S. Knudsen, speaking in New York, said airplane production is 30 per cent below what had been expected. He said that "frankly, we are not doing anything compared to the forecast by manufacturers and the defense commission in July." He called for "speed and more speed, full-time operation of all machines," and effort that "I consider the defense effort date not satisfactory enough to warrant hopes that everything is all well."

3. Assistant Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, addressing the Army Industrial College's graduating class yesterday, said that mobilization of industrial resources for defense "is in the real sense... the only job in America today." He added that "I am giving away no great secret when I say that there is no immediate sign of the emergency abating."

SEE PRICE BOOSTS
The Sunday Dispatch expert interpreted the change as a sign that the Vichy government was stiffening its attitude toward the Axis as a result of Italian reverses in Egypt and Albania.

BEVIN YELLS
AGAINST USSR
GLASGOW, Scotland, Dec. 15 (UP).—British Minister of Labor Ernest Bevin today sharply attacked Russia, after he had been heckled by Scottish Communists.

Bevin said he did not intend to say anything derogatory against a great state but that "if I went there to interfere with her citizens I think it would be a very bad job for those citizens to be interfered with."

Bevin added that labor conditions along the Clyde, Britain's huge shipbuilding center on the west coast of Scotland, had not been caused by friction between British trade unions and British employers but by "elements parasitical upon the trade unions."

[This crude incitement against the Soviet Union by a leading Laborite official in the Churchill government indicates how desperately the ruling British circles are beginning to feel about the rising anti-war movement which will gather at the coming People's Convention, January 12. The effort to attribute the British workers' and anger at their slave conditions to the Soviet Union is a particularly shameful piece of Laborite service for British profits.—Editor.]

51 Rumanian
Miners Killed,
200 Trapped

BUCHAREST, Dec. 15 (UP).—Two hundred miners were reported to be trapped today in a coal mine near Lupeni, where a powerful explosion on Saturday killed at least 51.

Most of the entrapped men were believed to be alive, since rescuers heard continuous rappings. Emergency squads were sent from nearby towns. Ambulances and medical corps stood by.

The cause of the explosions had not been determined.

Lothian Buried

(Special to the Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Lord Lothian, late British Ambassador, was buried here today.

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Young Men of America rely on women to help them in fight for peace. Conference of Young Women of America was held yesterday by Tom Jones, N. Y. Youth Congress. Photo shows group of delegates at session in Riverside-Plaza.

Young Women's Parley Ends With Peace Pledge

Adopt 'Christmas Declaration' Condemning War
Loans to Britain; Speakers Say Best Defense Is Protection of Social Welfare

"The young men of America are relying on you young women to keep this country at peace," said Tom Jones, chairman of the New York Youth Congress, addressing the final session of the Conference of Young Women at the Hotel Riverside-Plaza yesterday afternoon. And the 1,500 delegates and visitors, representatives of 845,880 young women, made it clear that they and the members of the groups from which they came are ready to accept and fulfill this tremendous responsibility.

Yesterday's session climaxed the proceedings of the convention with the discussion on peace, the report of the resolutions committee, and the adoption of a "Christmas Declaration" condemning those who "for the sake of selfish profit and greed continue the senseless destruction of war," and pledging the delegates "to uphold the safeguards already written into the law of the land which oppose the extension of war loans to belligerents in the European War." The Declaration ended, "To all women everywhere at this Christmas time we extend our greetings and our promise—there shall be peace on earth—good will to men."

Leading speaker at yesterday's meeting was Miss Rose Terlin, economic secretary of the Community Division of the YWCA.

DEMAND SOCIAL SERVICES
In her analysis of the role of women in the present crisis, she dealt chiefly with the problems of unemployment, housing, wages and hours, and the increased productivity of labor. She stressed the need for maintaining non-military social services of all kind as the best real defense of the American people.

In the discussion, a few words spoken by a high-school girl of sixteen, youngest delegate to address the meeting, were not easy to forget. Her name is Josephine Brown, and she represents a group of teen-age students who call themselves "The Youth Builders of America."

"Ours is a young country," she began. "Our forefathers fought to make our country what it is, a land of freedom and democracy and peace. And now it is up to us, the youth, to fight to keep that freedom and democracy and peace."

PROTECTION FOR NURSES
Miss Valda Johnson, a nurse, spoke of how the young women

tion and education by young women's groups to do away with "street corner markets" or "slave markets" in which Negro women domestic workers are forced to accept irregular employment under conditions of the worst pay and hours.

Other resolutions called for increased appropriations for housing, health, recreation and employment by the Federal Government as part of the real defense of America; called for passage of the Guyer Bill and abolition of the poll tax; demanded equal pay for equal work; abolition of night work; maternity leaves with pay, and other protective social legislation for women, and expressed the firm opposition of the delegates to the so-called "Equal Rights" Amendment, which would seriously threaten all legislation for women in industry.

'Ja' Parliament Set Up By Petain In Fascist Move

Red-Baiters Now Lead France to Fascism in Fear of People

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logically completed their witch-hunt of the French Communists by establishing a Hitlerized France.

A rigid censorship was imposed by the Vichy government today and foreign correspondents were instructed not to mention "in any way" Laval's dismissal, changes in constitutional acts "or other matters surrounding yesterday's affair."

This indicated that Petain's announcement of the new consultative National Assembly was directly connected with the removal of Laval.

AID FOR DRAFTEES
Among the resolutions passed was one which called for guarantees of economic and social welfare both for those drafted and for their wives and sweethearts at home, including frequent leaves for conscripted youth and government grants to make marriage possible.

A resolution on the defense training program called for the immediate addition of courses for young women, under trade union supervision, with guaranteed employment on completion of the course.

Another resolution called for ac-

Soviets Bring Independence To New Areas

Millions Go to Polls in Three Recently Acquired Regions

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 15.—Completing the establishment of their independent governments, millions of workers and peasants go to the polls today to choose in secret ballot their own direct representatives in city, village and district Soviets in the Karelo-Finnish Republic, the Western Ukraine and Byelo-Russia.

This will mark the final transformation of these three great regions into self-ruling, free political units. Today's elections are officially described as "completing the reconstruction of the organs of state administration in exact accord with the Stalinist Constitution."

Otto Kuusinen, chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Karelo-Finnish Republic, commenting on the elections in today's *Jornale*, said that "in capitalist countries, particularly in neighboring Finland, the last remnants of bourgeois democracy are being destroyed. All the more," he pointed out, "do the working people of our Republic appraise the great rights ensured them by the Stalin Constitution."

The extent of the democracy being exercised today can be gauged by the fact that in Western Byelo-Russia alone 42,000 deputies will be elected to local Soviets.

Full and complete equality for all national minorities is a basic principle of the Stalin Constitution. In Byelo-Russia, candidates include 23,399 Byelo-Russian, 5,765 Poles, 679 Russians, 1,075 Jews, 358 Ukrainians and 95 Lithuanians.

PUBLIC RALLIES

A holiday spirit ruled throughout the three Republics on election eve. Last night 150,000 persons thronged the public square in front of the Opera House in L'vov for a huge election rally. Later they paraded down First of May Street. Similar gatherings were held in every town and village.

In his article in *Izvestia*, Kuusinen wrote in part:

"The achievements with which our Republic is approaching the elections are brilliant testimony of the strength and the wisdom of the Leninist-Stalinist national policy."

"Our numerically small people is assured not only a free state existence but also an honorable constitutional status in all respects equal with all the other Union Republics united in the Soviet Union."

"This fact is of special significance in the light of events taking place in the capitalist world where national oppression and the plundering of small nations is reaching unprecedented scope. In the capitalist states the inequality of races and nationalities, the subjugation of one nation by another, is sanctified by law."

GUARANTEES EQUALITY

"The Stalin Constitution not only proclaims the equality of nationalities but also guarantees this equality by deeds. Karelia has been transformed from a former semi-colony of Tsarist Russia into the flourishing Karelo-Finnish Socialist Republic where the economy is rapidly developing and national culture is revitalized."

"At present the Republic is entering a phase of rapid development of its productive forces. In the next few days the construction of new power stations and industrial enterprises will be planned. The budget for the coming year has been greatly increased, with more than 13 million rubles allocated for geological prospecting."

"All of these achievements have been attained by the Karelo-Finnish people thanks to the aid of the fraternal peoples of the Soviet Union and first of all the great Russian people."

"Today's elections will truly be free elections and their results will reflect the people's will."

COMPOSITION

"Among the candidates for deputies to district Soviets, there are 112 workers, 143 collective farmers, 484 intellectuals and professional employees. Sixty-five of these candidates have been decorated with orders and medals of the U.S.S.R."

"The strength and invincibility of the Communist Party lies in its close contacts with the non-Party masses. In 23 districts, 1,772 non-Party candidates have been nominated."

"In the Shetlerod district, which is inhabited primarily by the Veps nationality, 15 of the 20 candidates are Veps."

"The Karelo-Finnish people are going to the polls imbued with admiration and respect for the Communist Party and its great leader Stalin."

Coal Production in USSR Exceeds Schedule

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 15.—Planned output of coal for the first ten days of December has been overfulfilled in almost every producing region, it was announced here today.

Mines in the Donbas and Kuzbas and in the Moscow, Karaganda and Cherekhovsk basins are operating far ahead of schedule.

Court-Martial Acquits 2nd In 'Front Trial'

Quietly and without publicity, an Army court-martial last week acquitted a second defendant charged with giving 1,800 rounds of army ammunition to Christian Front plotters who were tried in a Federal court on charges of conspiring to overthrow the government.

Two weeks ago the same military tribunal acquitted Captain John T. Prout, Jr., on the same charge, despite Prout's admission during his federal trial that he had taken ammunition from his armory for the Christian Front.

Acquitted last week was Sergeant Alfred J. Quinlan, 23 years old, a member of the 101st Military Police Battalion, New York National Guard.

The military court found Quinlan not guilty without troubling to hear the defense state its case. No witnesses were called.

The prosecution merely presented the charge, introduced some of the testimony given in the federal trial, and a statement given to FBI agents by the accused.

When the prosecution finished, Quinlan's defense attorney moved that the charges be dismissed. The eight-man court sustained the motion after deliberating for a half hour.

West Coasters Fight Arrests In Draft Drive

Spanish-Speaking Workers Are Target of Hysterical 'Evasion' Attack

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—Representatives of Spanish-speaking workers and leaders of progressive organizations this week are combating a local war of hysteria stirred up by issuance of 58 indictments, accompanied by bench warrants for immediate arrest, against alleged "draft evaders."

Nearly all of the indictments are directed against Mexican and Spanish workers.

Challenging the federal grand jury's work, which sets a record for the number of persons involved in court action on draft regulations, progressives branded the indictments as intimidation.

A.P.M. TO PROBE

The local chapter of the American Peace Mobilization promptly announced that it will investigate each case.

The indictments are based on charges of failure to register, failure to return questionnaires, and failure to notify draft boards of a change of address.

Eduardo Zambrano, Mexican vice consul here, termed the action "deplorable," and complained that many of his people were not in a position to understand or even know of the provisions of the draft. "Many work in the fields and outlying sections," said Zambrano, "and can't get information. Some do not read newspapers."

"I believe they should be given a chance to explain. I'm sure they didn't do it because they don't want to comply with the law," he said.

"They don't want to break the law. Although ignorance of the law is no excuse, as they say, I think in cases like these, these people should be given a chance to explain before they are arrested."

ACCUSED NEGRO'S NEIGHBORS DON'T BELIEVE 'RAPE' STORY

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case had broken into newspaper headlines. He was not, he said frankly, afraid to talk to the Daily Worker.

Mr. and Mrs. Spell had first come to the employment agency in the summer. He had got them several jobs of brief duration. Spell always desired jobs on which his wife could work with him. He was an attractive, quiet young fellow.

"Very quiet and very kind, I should say. He helped me in the mission and even contemplated becoming a preacher."

What mission did Mr. Stukes refer to?

"We have a mission here," he explained, digging a card from the disorder on his piled-up desk.

These were the kinds of people with whom Spell had been associated in White Plains—ordinary, everyday, hard-working Negro citizens who went to church not only

Finnish Decree Abolishes Free Elections

New President to Be Chosen by 1937 Electors

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

HELSINKI, Dec. 15.—A new president of Finland will be chosen on Dec. 19, but the people of this "democratic" country will have no hand in naming him.

The Finnish government, by decree, has abolished the electoral college system of electing a president as provided in the Finnish constitution.

The Diet decreed on Dec. 4 that the president this year will be named by electors chosen in the presidential elections of 1937. Since 15 of these are dead, rival political groups are busily engaged in appointing new ones.

The fury of this bitter internecine warfare is carefully concealed by the press, which publishes fanciful tales of unanimity in ruling circles.

Commenting on the destruction of the electoral college system, the *Helsingin Sanomat* writes that "under existing conditions, any election campaign is of course out of the question."

Newspapers are also publishing glorified biographies of the various possible candidates. According to a list published in the *Kansan Lehti*, these include Paasikivi, Rytty, Stenberg, Jutila, Hakikila, Voionmaa, Sinivuori, Virmakki, Baron von Mannerheim and others.

Fascist Society Woman Leader Jailed in Mexico

Police Find Munitions in Home, Was Head of "Battalion"

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 15.—A society woman, Maria Dolores Arreola, commander of an Almazanista "women's battalion," was arrested here a few days ago when Federal police found a number of hand grenades in her residence at 170 Choppo Street.

The woman, a widow of General Gonzalez, had planned to use the bombs on Dec. 1, when the inauguration of President Camacho took place. A large number of women had been organized for action on that day. But Almazan himself failed to give the signal.

The general's widow collected her hand grenades which had already been distributed among members of her women's battalion. Then somebody tipped off the police that the lady had a large number of "infernal machines" in her house.

FIND MUNITIONS

The police raid produced a stack of hand grenades. A large number of women were arrested but set free immediately upon order from the Attorney General's office.

Three of the women testified they were supposed to throw the bombs on December 1 "anywhere throughout the city to make noise and create confusion." All three have been released. According to the police Mrs. Arreola herself declared that the bombs had been ordered by her deceased husband for reasons unknown to her. She had wanted to use them, she said, for the "cause" which no longer exists.

Since President Camacho has declared an amnesty of all political prisoners, it is expected that she will soon be at liberty. As a result of this amnesty the former abess Concepcion Acevedo, convicted as the intellectual author of the murder of ex-President Alvaro Obregon, was given her liberty yesterday. Her release was greeted with enthusiasm by the reactionary press throughout the country.

PRaises COMMUNISTS

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"This is a red-baiting resolution. I have been accused of being a 'red.' If I say many of you have been similarly accused, and you know where this accusation comes from. It comes from the Association of Manufacturers every time you ask a few cents more in wages."

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Capitalism Has Use for science—to use its best brains for destruction. Above, Dr. Ernest Orlando Lawrence, Nobel Prize Winner and Professor of Physics at the University of California, has been drafted for "national defense" by the national defense research council. A brilliance that could be used for constructive advancement of humanity, is to be used to further its destruction.

Jersey CIO On Record For a Labor Party

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together now make up almost a controlling bloc of Hillman forces on the executive board.

As matters stand now several divisions of the Textile Union are given the status of separate national organizations in representation on the board.

TRY RED-BAITING

Upon facing the first test vote the Abramson group disregarded elementary rules of democratic procedure. The only places given the progressives among vice-presidents and on the executive board were won by the large unions which had to get some representation, but among whom there were no Hillman followers. Several important unions got no representation at all, while Textile and Amalgamated locals received two each.

Until this morning's roll call, despite the tenseness of the convention, there was no red-baiting. Seeing the vote so close upon the first test the Abramson group decided to inject that issue to bring the proper "atmosphere" for the elections which were to follow.

When the time for elections came, chairman Abramson announced that the resolutions committee had a "very important" document to bring before the convention. This proved to be the "isms" resolution, somewhat patterned after the national CIO resolution on that question in which Communism is listed with "fascism" and "Nazism."

The Hillman supporters were disappointed in their belief that the resolution would pass without debate or opposition. Neil Brant, regional director of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, whose success in organizing workers in recent months is a widely discussed topic, rose to object to the "unqualified linking of this enemy of the labor movement with Communism."

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same union, a Trenton delegate, who said, "In my years of association with the CIO, and in many years association with the Communist Party, I have never seen a fascist who was a good trade union member, nor have I ever seen a Communist who was not a good union member."

"Fascists of France, Germany and Italy are arresting Communists for being active in behalf of the workers."

HALF ABSTAIN FROM VOTE

The two speeches made a deep impression on the delegates, so that when a number of speakers favoring the resolution took the floor they conceded that Communists are active builders of the unions, but claimed that the object was only to "disassociate the CIO from Communism in the eyes of the public."

The resolution passed with less than half the delegates voting for it, and approximately 35 or 40 per cent voting against it. The final credentials report seated delegates with 807 votes from 143 locals.

The purpose of the entire convention appeared centered chiefly on passage of a resolution supporting Hillman's policy on the National Defense Commission, the "ism" resolution and the election of a new staff of officers.

The practical phases of the much-talked of Atlantic City convention's decisions were, in effect, tossed out of the window.

WARNS OF HITLERISM
A marked contrast to the atmosphere which the Hillman group sought to create was the speech of Allan S. Haywood, national director of the CIO. Haywood criticized the "bickering" at the convention and declared that "these are serious times."

He warned of the Hitlerite move hidden in the anti-sabotage program advanced last week by 44 governors for model legislation in all states.

"They want to establish concentration camps in America," he said. "They fight Hitler by establishing Hitlerism here."

Declaring that labor is most vitally interested in preserving democracy, and that unions are the main instruments of such democracy, Haywood urged united action for the CIO's aims:

"There is much work to be done. You may have your different political philosophies. Without a labor movement you may not have a right to your political opinions. We have the people of all political philosophies in a united front. That is the labor movement."

Haywood concluded with a strong appeal for full power behind the Atlantic City CIO program.

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Helen Keller Asks Ministers to Aid Spanish Refugees This Christmas

The terrible plight which faces 150,000 anti-fascist prisoners of the French regime was cited today to 2,000 American ministers in a nation-wide appeal issued by Helen Keller, who asked them to preach Christmas sermons calling for aid to these victims.

Miss Keller is honorary chairman of the American Rescue Ship Mission which is now attempting to raise \$300,000 to get these anti-fascist prisoners released and transported to friendly countries.

Thus far, appeals to Washington officials on behalf of these people has not elicited any effective action.

The text of Miss Keller's message to the ministers follows: "Nineteen centuries ago the world lay crouching, as a large part of it does today, under oppression and slavery. The Heaven-sent Child by whose mission of freedom and good-will uncounted generations were to be redeemed, was barely saved by his hard-pressed parents in flight from the blighting power that conspired to fetter His Spirit and Mind."

"This Christmas we profess by deed and sentiment discipleship of the Divine Refugee who commands us to break every yoke and set



HELEN KELLER

at liberty them that are bruised, but His Desire remains unsatisfied while multitudes of Spanish refugees suffer martyrdom, and their little ones perish. Their defenseless lives and the seed of a valiant race God has implanted in them plead clarion-voiced against the deep guilt of their slaughter—a mill-stone never to be lifted.

"Many of those people had fled to a friendly country, France, but now tyrants hold that nation in

their clutches, and the captive founder in even greater distress than before. The first American Rescue Ship Mission is an organized effort to render assistance to God's struggling vanguard of democracy. Permission has been granted for their admission to Mexico. We are endeavoring to raise three hundred thousand dollars so that we may provide a ship for their transportation.

"It seems to me there cannot be a more sincere or sacred way to honor our Refugee of Compassion than by participating in this fulfillment of His Wish that the shelterless be taken in."

"This letter is earnestly to beg you on December 15th or on the 22nd please to present the cause of the first American Rescue Ship Mission to your church."

"You will, I am sure, approve the Rescue Mission as a practical means of giving urgent aid to victims of aggression without playing them into the hands of their persecutors. If you cooperate with us, God's Blessing will truly come into our troubled hearts and sore tried faith."

"Cordially yours, Helen Keller, Honorary Chairman, American Rescue Ship Mission."



Weekly Column Devoted to Interests of Rail Labor

Profits for Coupon Clippers, Unemployment, Misery for Workers

To the Editor:

Your columns on the Diesels have been corking. The very definite and vivid illustrations from life on the railroads how jobs are being done away with in the "pool crews," among the shopmen, and around the roundhouses, make it clear what the future program is of the American Association of Railroads: Profits for the coupon-clippers, unemployment and its misery for the railroad workers.

But while your column has been picturing the job-slaughter among the shop trader and in the running crafts, what about the "lowly" clerks and freight handlers? What with ever-improved business machines coming into terminal offices all over America, the railroad clerk is suffering the same fate as "Tony the firefighter" over the "Q," and the "hump jockey" on the Erie.

All the Brotherhoods have "Research" Departments—including the Railway Clerks. Surely some articles could be written in the Clerk's Journal about what machine-displacement of clerks has done—and is doing daily—to swell the ranks of the unemployed and double the per-capita work of the remaining remnants.

In Chicago the offices of the 26 trunk lines with terminals here continue their installations of new job-erasing gadgets. With the same thing going on in every metropolis in the U. S., there ought to be plenty of "research" material on this subject. The Diesel articles have been dandy—but do follow them up with what sabotage the A.A.R. commits against the jobs of the clerks, freight handlers, gandy-dancers, and the other "humbler" Brotherhoods.

D.C.J., Chicago, Ill.

CONCERNING UNITY OF RAILROAD LABOR

To the Editor:

There was a time when the Daily Worker carried quite a few items concerning unity of railroad labor. Lately I haven't seen much in your columns on this most important subject. There are so many angles to this industry that some of them seem bound to be slighted. Yet most of the other angles are dependent on what we do to streamline our horse and buggy Standard Railroad Labor Organizations.

The rank and file have felt for many years that if we want our unions to be as modern as the streamliners and as powerful as the big freight hogs which have invaded the industry in the last few years, we have to secure closer relations between our respective organizations. The immediate outlook is not for one union. However, joint action of all crafts on common demands is possible and necessary right now, and amalgamations of those most closely related should be possible in the near future. The ultimate aim should be for a departmentalized industrial union to really bring railroad labor organizations up to date.

Our wages, hours and working conditions are way behind those prevailing in many other large industries. As to vacations with pay, we can name a half dozen unions organized in the past few years which have secured that for their membership. Our Grand Lodge officers seem content to rest on their past achievements, such as they are. So it is up to the membership, through their local lodges, to put on the pressure and take the steps necessary to secure joint action and organizational unity. These are the things which will make it possible to protect and improve our conditions in the trying times ahead for all of us regardless of what craft or class of work we do on the roads.

B.R., Milwaukee, Wis.

RAILROAD LABOR MUST FIGHT WAR HYSTERIA

To the Editor:

Your columns on Diesel-powered streamliners have been well received by the boys around these parts and we are looking forward to the rest of the series. Most of us Middle West rails see plenty of these streamliners on one road or another. We dimly realize that they are symbols of big changes taking place in railroading, but few of us sit down to figure out just what this modern railroading is doing to our jobs.

The more productive labor becomes through new machinery and methods of work, the harder we have to fight for jobs and a living wage. Sure we should be going after our vacations with pay, shorter hours and a lot of other things, but whenever we talk about fighting for the 6-hour day on the railroads, we might as well make up our minds that we have to fight against war hysteria at the same time.

You have described the terrific pace of the Rockets and Zephyrs, but the streamliners will have to go some to beat the speed with which the war-mongers are heading this country toward a war of conquest in the name of democracy and "national defense." Stoges and mouthpieces for Wall Street, including Roosevelt and Willkie, are trying to sell organized labor and the people the idea of "sacrifice" to protect the country. Of course the railroad bankers and their kind are not planning to "sacrifice" a dime of their profits; rather they are planning to reap another big harvest by dragging us into this war, as they did in the last one. This "defense" panic is the bunk—this count is in no immediate danger of invasion by Hitler or anyone else. Right now we don't need to fear Hitler dropping pineapples on our passenger stations, freight houses or yards, as much as we need to fear Hitlerian methods spreading from Wall Street and Washington to blow up our labor organizations and black-out the hard won rights of labor and the people.

P.E.O., Chicago, Ill.

BOUQUETS AND POLITICS

Greetings:

The guy that is writing the streamliner columns deserves a big bunch of RED roses—or if he goes for it, perhaps a shot of RED likker. Anyway, it's good to see these high speed puddle-jumpers getting some publicity from the labor angle. And what do you think of the election results?

It looks like the rail labor vote helped FDR back into the big job. If the boys around my shop can be taken as a sample, I don't think anyone was too hot about supporting him, but most of them didn't seem to know what else to do. If there had been a third party in the field representing labor, with a platform including the 6-hour day and vacations with pay, there might have been some real enthusiasm amongst the fraternity of railroad labor. Maybe next election we'll have that!

But now Roosevelt and a lot of Congressmen and Senators have been re-elected with the support of rail labor (and boy! do the Chiefs and their paper "Labor" blow about that), so it looks like we shouldn't have much trouble getting the Adamson Law amended to read six hours instead of eight. And then it might be possible for our friend in the White House to put in a word about vacations with pay for the workers in the vital transportation industry. If these babies are such good friends of ours, we should be able to get some action out of them. But if, as I suspect, they are false friends—the best way to prove it is to ask them to do something for us, and show them up when they let us down.

J.J.N., Minneapolis, Minn.

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Will Not Give Up Right to Strike, Unions Say

Maryland CIO Defeats Hillman Group

Overwhelmingly Rejects 'Sacrifice' Policies; Brand Henry Ford

(Special to the Daily Worker)

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Dec. 15.—Efforts of a small group to gain support for the pro-war policies of Sidney Hillman were overwhelmingly defeated on three separate votes by the delegates of the Maryland-District of Columbia CIO's fourth convention here.

Hillman forces were represented by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and a corporal's guard of followers from the Textile Union.

The first was on the question of the CIO News, official CIO organ, which they tried to condemn for having printed text of speeches by former CIO President John L. Lewis. Despite flag-waving and war-mongering oratory by ACW officials, the convention voted by a crushing majority to sustain a report of the Press Committee which praised the CIO paper and to reject the Amalgamated resolution of condemnation.

POLICY UPHOLD

The second defeat for the Hillman group came on acceptance of the Officers Reports Committee on unity, when the policy enunciated by the national CIO and by John L. Lewis and Philip Murray was reaffirmed, and the third on the question of moving the state CIO office from Washington to Baltimore.

Labor's job is to go on building its unions as the only weapon against war hysteria and the "vicious bills they're trying to cram down our throats in Congress," Allan S. Haywood, national director of the CIO, told the 100 delegates to the fourth annual convention of the Maryland-District of Columbia CIO meeting here.

"We're faced with a crisis in the nation and in the world," he told the cheering delegates, "while nations are engaged in bloody war while men and women are slaughtered, while millions of homes are destroyed."

The only way for labor to resist the effects of this crisis, and the only true national defense for the U. S., is for labor to have and to exercise its rights to organize and bargain collectively, and for government to recognize that labor must participate in national affairs, he declared.

HITS REP. FORD

Haywood vigorously denounced Rep. Leland Ford, Democrat of California, who said in Congress this week that the CIO should be abolished and its leaders imprisoned.

"Certain Congressmen are lying in their teeth when they attack the CIO," he said. "They're too yellow to make these attacks outside the halls of Congress, where they could be held responsible for their slanders. These Representatives are traitors to their country and to the workers of this nation."

Haywood went on to brand Henry Ford, the Bethlehem and Republic Steel corporations, and other law-violating firms now getting fat on arms contracts as "enemies of the United States."

"Is Ford helping national defense when he fires our boys for exercising their constitutional right to join a union?" he asked. "Ford is the agent of Hitler in this country one of the few men that have been decorated by him for services to fascism."

Haywood's speech, which concluded with a pledge against "labor peace with corruption or labor peace that will destroy our CIO method of organization" was greeted with frequent ovations from delegates, and he received a standing vote of thanks at the end.



ALAN HAYWOOD

Textile Union Opens Drive In Worst

To Demand Immediate Wage Boost for 90,000 Workers

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 15.—The Textile Workers Union of America, CIO, will demand an immediate wage increase for the 90,000 worsted workers in the nation. It was announced here today by Emil Rieve, general president of the union, who presided at a conference in the Hotel Bradford opening an organizing drive in the worsted industry.

The increase in production and profits in worsted, and the likelihood of still greater profits, justifies the demand for a wage increase, Rieve said.

This demand was repeated by George Baldanzi, executive vice-president of the union and Joseph A. Salerno, Massachusetts TWUA director and CIO state president, in a half-hour broadcast over WLAW in Lawrence, Mass., carried by special wire direct from the conference room in the Hotel Bradford to the transmitter in Lawrence.

Cowl to Lecture On Soviet Union

Margaret Cowl, chairman of the Women's Commission of the Communist Party, U.S.A., will speak at the Soviet Union on Friday, Dec. 20, at 8 P.M., at Finnish Hall, 15 W. 126th St.

Miss Cowl is a recognized authority on the subject and has, herself, lived in the Soviet Union for a long time. Everyone should come and learn all the newest developments of the international situation and their relationship to the Soviet Union.

Threat to Bomb Bangkok Brings Lull in Siam War

HANOI, French Indo-China, Dec. 15 (UP).—French threats to bomb Bangkok, capital of Siam, in retaliation for any further Siamese air attacks on Indo-China were said today to have brought at least a temporary halt in Siamese raids. Informal quarters said there had been no Siamese raids on Indo-China for two days.

Despite the lull in hostilities, officials denied reports that there were any territorial negotiations between Siam and Indo-China but said such negotiations in the future should not be excluded.

A. F. L. Painters in Chicago Condemn Anti-Labor Smith Bill

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Condemning the Smith Bill to ban strikes as an attack against labor's rights, the AFL Painters Local 637, one of the largest locals in the city, was on record here today against the anti-union measure.

The rank and file painters here have also defeated a move for a referendum to abolish in favor of an eight-hour day the six-hour day which now prevails.

Milwaukee CIO Defends Its Right to Strike

Sends Official Notice to President Roosevelt and Hillman Affirming Its Stand

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 15.—The Milwaukee County Council of the CIO has officially informed President Roosevelt and Sidney Hillman of the National Defense Advisory Board of its unalterable opposition to proposed legislation restricting the right to strike.

Supply Ship Off to Aid Fishermen

1,000 Frenchmen Have Been Stranded as Result of War

BOSTON, Dec. 15 (UP).—The Newfoundland schooner Robert Esdale, laden with coal, clothing and food for 1,000 French fishermen faced with a winter of privation on the Island of Miquelon, was pushing steadily northward off New England today.

Departure of the 144-ton schooner nearly met with a serious delay yesterday when she grounded in South Channel in lower Boston harbor. The Coast Guard harbor cutter 409 quickly eased the craft into deeper water and she resumed her said after examination of the hull revealed no damage.

STRANDED

The fishermen were stranded on the island off southeastern Newfoundland by the German victory in France. They had come to this continent in the Spring, as was their custom, to fish during the Summer. By fall, the British blockade of the waters surrounding France made return with their catches impossible.

Francois Briere, French consul here, chartered the schooner and loaded it with supplies donated by various groups and individuals. The 6,000 island residents had only scanty resources and were unable to support the additional burden of 1,000 men.

Workers School Answers Attack Of Witchhunters

In spite of the recent efforts of the witch-hunting Rapp-Coudert Committee to hit at the Workers School, the administration of the school announced today that an extensive educational program would be launched for the new term beginning in January and preparations are being made for a larger enrollment which is expected.

"The Rapp-Coudert Committee dragged the Workers School into its hearings for no reason except the fact that the Workers School is the foremost labor educational institution in the country," said Edward Smith, the assistant director of the school. "Certainly the school conducts courses in Marxism-Leninism and the teaching at the school is based upon the principle of scientific socialism. But there is nothing subversive about that. On the contrary, that is the only truly scientific approach to the social, political and economic problems facing our country."

Registration for the winter term opens on Monday, Dec. 16. Enrollment is being taken for classes at the school office, 35 East 12th St., from 10 A. M. to 9 P. M.

Chicagoans Cheer Attack On Smith Bill

Marcantonio Says Anti-Strike Laws Lead to Fascism

(Special to the Daily Worker)

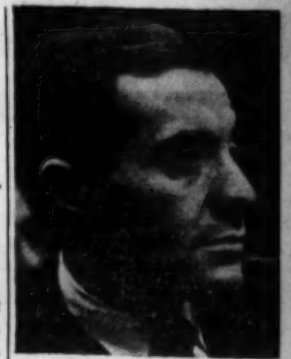
CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Warning that a ban on strikes would be a long step toward a native fascism in the United States, Congressman Vito Marcantonio unloaded a blistering denunciation of the war-mongers "in the seats of the mighty" before a packed meeting of the International Labor Defense here last night.

The crowd which jammed the People's Auditorium, 2407 W. Chicago Ave., roared a tribute to the fiery New York Congressman who pledged to make his seat in Congress a platform from which the people can speak out for peace, civil liberties and the maintenance of their living standards.

Pledging a struggle to repeal the Conscription law, Marcantonio, who is president of the ILD, declared: "We're going to carry on a fight so that 17 million numbers will once again become 17 million free men."

Former Congressman John Bernard of Minnesota also spoke at the meeting and at the banquet which preceded it. Other speakers were Rev. Owen A. Knox, chairman of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties; William L. Patterson, vice-president of the ILD, and Pearl Hart, prominent Chicago attorney. Bob Wirtz, state secretary of the ILD, was the chairman.

The Bill of Rights Rally opened a three-day bazaar to raise funds for the Lewistown and Oklahoma civil rights cases. One of the defendants, Orville Lewis, spoke. "Defend America!" asked the

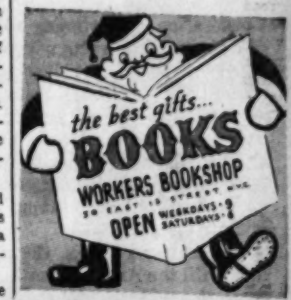


VITO MARCANTONIO

militant Congressman from New York. "Sure we want to defend America—by providing three million jobs at decent wages, by abolishing the poll tax, by giving life to the National Labor Relations Act and the other social legislation which is now being threatened."

He continued: "Across the nation, in the cities and villages and farms, new organizations of the people are springing up—the CIO, the American Peace Mobilization, the ILD, and the countless other people's organizations that will really defend America."

The huge gathering cheered the announcement by Bob Wirtz that the testimonial banquet which preceded the rally had been prepared and served jointly by Greek and Italian workers.



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Question: What is the legal (exact status) of the waiting period for unemployment insurance

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Answer: The first unemployment insurance check is payable

at the end of the fourth week covering one week, that is the fourth week, after the waiting period. You are entitled to all your back payments after three weeks of waiting period up to the time that you commence working so that you do not lose the back payments during the period that you were totally unemployed. Payments caused by procedural complications cannot deprive one of his unemployment benefits provided that he was totally unemployed after three weeks waiting period and has reported regularly to the District Office for work.

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Militant Trade Unionism Is Winning Victories

Organization of the unorganized—given such a strong impetus at the CIO convention—is now beginning to take hold in various parts of the country.

With this movement to bring additional thousands into the trade union ranks of organized labor, there has begun to develop new demands for wage increases, shorter hours and bettered conditions.

The Vultee strike, with its splendid outcome, has told the workers in all industries that by fighting unitedly and intelligently they can win.

Out in California, the State CIO has taken the initiative in mapping out a wide-flung union drive, particularly centered around the airplane industry.

In Cleveland and Buffalo similar moves are inaugurated. The recent gains of the National Maritime Union are encouraging further activity for the wider organization of the seamen and the betterment of their conditions.

The campaign to organize the Ford Motor Corporation is beginning to show progress, and the new contracts with the Chrysler and Briggs corporations indicate the strength and stability of the United Auto Workers Union.

Within the American Federation of Labor unions, the signal success of the New York District Council of the Painters has been an outstanding demonstration that militant activity for better conditions will be crowned with triumph.

In the navy yards, the machinists affiliated with the AFL are continuing their battle for a revocation of the recent absurd and unreasonable wage award.

The unprecedented profits of the big corporations will not only upset the national economy still more severely. Such profiteering is even now pushing the cost of living upward, and will boost it to unbearable heights when the present war economy gets into further swing.

The anti-strike proposals and the other reactionary moves against the workers are a barometer of the temper and plans of the Big Business interests—labor cannot take such attacks lying down. Its best defense is an offensive, which will strengthen the conditions of the workers and will bring additional thousands into labor's ranks.

The best Christmas present that labor can give to itself and its families is the opening of still larger drives for higher wages and improved conditions.

The Food Debate—An X-Ray of the War-Makers

The ugly haggling among our well-fed respectable classes over whether to feed the starving children of Europe this winter reveals what a gang of brutes these "democracy"-spouting ladies and gentlemen really are.

On one side we find the righteous hypocrites who are ready to murder several million working class children and their parents to protect the sanctity of the British blockade. For these saintly characters, who love to congregate at the Ritz and on Park Avenue to "kiss for Britain," the anguished death of these war victims is just an incident that must be overlooked. They "love" the victims of Fascism so much that they are ready to "save" them by starving them to death.

On the other hand, there is the "Herbie" Hoover gang which is as heartless and as cunning as the pro-British crowd. Hoover wants to use the starvation of the European masses as a club over them, to keep them in subjection to capitalism.

Hoover wants to intrigue with the agony of the war victims, just as his "opponents" on the food issue are intriguing with this agony for the sake of British-Wall Street profits. Both sides are ghoulish, brutish enemies of the masses.

American labor must spurn with contempt the idea that whatever hurts the British blockade is "bad." This would make American Labor a party to the infamous plan of protecting British investments by starving Europe's babies. American Labor must find a way of breaking through the Hoover-Administration intrigue on the food issue in order to bring aid to the innocent victims of the Churchill-Hitler war on both sides of the battle lines. American Labor takes no sides between these blood-soaked rivals of London and Berlin. American Labor takes sides only with the PEOPLE in England, Germany, in the colonies and conquered lands of both imperialist bandits. Its duty is to aid them, to feed them, to help them stop this criminal war by getting rid of the rulers who have plunged them into it.

100 Percent Union

SOMETHING like the grand beat and thrill of a Beethoven "Fifth Symphony" runs through even mounting up around Dearborn, in the State of Michigan.

In the motor building of the Kingdom of Ford, workers actually displayed union buttons! The courage in that act warms up the promise of the oncoming New Year. It was like the sacred song in the cotton fields of the Old South, signalling the slaves to revolt or to flee through the underground railway.

The struggle to open up the gates of the prison which is called the Ford Motor Corporation and to let unionism walk in through the opened door is an epic in American battles for freedom.

Perhaps we can pause a moment this Monday morning to look over the background of this current campaign, to remind ourselves of its significance for the people of this country, and to consider the fascist ferocity of Ford against this mighty effort to bring a whiff of real democracy into the feld of Dearborn.

When we have done that, we can go out with added fire in our eyes and righteous anger in our hearts—to talk to Ford dealers, to bring pressure on Washington, to make our communities ring with cooperation in the campaign to unionize Ford.

Throughout the history of the automobile industry, Henry Ford has represented the utmost degree of industrial slavery, covered by the cloak of "welfare," "good-will" and general ballyhoo. It was the Ford Corporation, under the slogan "We do not believe in paternalism," which introduced the most intense paternalism.

It was the Ford company which broadcast to the world in 1914 that elaborate profit-sharing would be the happy reward of its working forces, and under that guise put through a super-snooping system into the home life, expenditures and habits of its employees.

It was the Ford corporation which hit upon the high-falutin name "service"—widely popularized in the Twenties by the Rotary Clubs and Chambers of Commerce—to organize Storm Troopers out of criminals and thugs in the most tightly organized terror any industry has experienced.

It was the Ford outfit which, under the self-righteous advertising that it was "fair" to Negro workers, stimulated race differences on the Belt in order to intensify that break-neck speed-up which has been the curse of the auto industry and of Ford's in particular.

It would pay the active union man to dig out of the library a little book published eleven years ago—entitled "Labor and Automobiles" by Robert W. Dunn—to grasp the poisonous and oppressive degradation imposed by Fordism on American workers.

When the Great Depression hit America—out of the bankruptcy in leadership of the Fords, Morgans the rest of the robber rulers of this "land of the free"—Ford loudly bellowed to the people that he would never lay off one single man. Scarcely had he so orated—through his Jew-baiting stooge W. J. Cameron and others—than he stuck a knife of sabotage into prostrate America by laying off one-half of his employees at one fell blow.

When the unemployed, under the leadership of the Unemployed Councils and the Communist Party, began their magnificent fight for jobs and unemployment insurance in the dark Hoover days, it was Ford who gave the tip to the Great Engineer how to murder the bonus marchers by killing four jobless people at the gates of the Ford plant.

MURDER IN DALLAS

Even during this past year, murder was the weapon of the King of Dearborn in Dallas, Texas, in one of the most debased exhibitions of crude cruelty that the country has witnessed since the days of chattel slavery.

Those men, who put on their union buttons after Edsel Ford had stated publicly that his company would not interfere with men joining a union, were given the usual Ford treatment and the usual Ford Christmas present. They were manhandled by the plug-uglies of the "Service Department" and forcibly ejected from their jobs and from the plant.

The presence of this huge slave empire in the midst of the organized automobile industry is the same menace that Lincoln pointed out when he said that "no nation could be half-slave and half-free."

Nothing has given such courage to the Ford workers in the new battle with their fascist overlords as the electrifying victory at the Vultee Airplane Corporation out on the coast.

The men working at Dearborn may not know that Ford is deeply involved in a number of corporations in the airplane industry, and that he, too, has realized the effect of this militant struggle and its victorious outcome. They do know that he has been granted a \$122,000,000 contract for airplane manufacture by the "labor-loving" Roosevelt government, and that this contract has proved to be a direct thrust against organization of the Ford plants on the part of the White House.

THAT VULTEE VICTORY

They sense that the Vultee victory has made the way easier for the organization of the rest of the aircraft corporations—and that Henry Ford, as a maker of both airplanes and automobiles, will have to meet the impact of this continuous march forward of the working people in these key industries.

Eight days ago the California state organization of the CIO, in convention assembled, made known that the outcome of the Vultee would put new inspiration into the drive on the Pacific for 100 per cent organization of the aircraft industry.

Lou Michenor, West Coast regional director of the United Automobile Workers, who led the successful Vultee struggle, declared that there would be concentration on all the aircraft companies in the coming weeks.

That entails covering quite a list—North American, Harvill, Menasco, Ryan and Consolidated in San Diego, as well as the big Douglas works at Santa Monica.

In this giant job, the aircraft workers will receive pep and grit from the onward sweep of the Ford workers, just as the latter have received hope and inspiration from the first gains in aircraft.

When you protest to the Ford dealer in your community against the discharge of the union-busting men, when you insist that Washington cancel the contracts to Ford—you are participating in the biggest movement to bring freedom to America that has been inaugurated since the CIO began.

The United States and the Soviet Union

The following is the full text of an address by William Z. Foster, National Chairman of the Communist Party, U.S.A., made before members of the John Reed Club of Harvard University on December 12.

Friends and fellow students:

Upon this occasion of this commemoration of John Reed's death and in the spirit of his life-work, I shall try to clarify the question of American-Soviet relations in connection with the struggle of the American people to achieve a maximum of freedom and well-being.

Today our Government is virtually in alliance with Great Britain and its course is leading, step by step, toward plunging our people into the war's holocaust of destruction. We are being told that Great Britain is fighting to preserve democracy and that, therefore, we must give her all possible help. But we were also told precisely the same in 1917, and on this basis we ill-advisedly entered the World War. The Allies won that bloody slaughter, with its 30,000,000 dead and 240 billions of property destruction, and for 20 years following the peace victorious England and France completely controlled Europe. With what results?

Surely not a strengthening of democracy. On the contrary, under British-French domination half of Europe was driven into fascism; humanity was plagued by the greatest economic crisis in world history, and now we have a new great war to cap the climax of this ill-omened Allied rule. As every intelligent person now realizes, the World War of 1914-18 was a cold-blooded struggle among the great imperialist capitalist powers for world rule and its aftermath, save for the birth of the Soviet Union, was thoroughly reactionary. The present war between Great Britain and the fascist axis powers is of the same imperialist character. Talk about Britain defending democracy is only so much demagoguery to fool the masses as in 1917. This is another desperate struggle between rival capitalist states for the re-division of the earth. And if the present heads of the great imperialist powers, including the United States, are allowed to write the eventual peace terms, the aftermath of this war will be even more reactionary than was that of the last war. Unless the democratic and revolutionary peoples of the world take the situation in hand themselves by establishing Popular Front and Socialist governments, we must look, after this war, regardless of which side wins, for a rapid spread of fascism, for still more devastating economic crisis, and for wars more ruinous even than the present one. Nor would our country escape these disasters.

The capitalist governments cannot formulate a democratic and lasting peace. The capitalist system has exhausted its progressive historic role and is rotten at the heart. The world's increasing economic and political troubles grow inevitably out of the private ownership of the social means of production and distribution and its accompanying exploitation of the workers and other toilers for private profit. The capitalist system has now arrived at its ultimate stage of monopoly and imperialism, and it produces inevitably ever-increasing overproduction, mass unemployment, deep industrial crises, fierce international struggles for markets and colonies, ruthless imperialist wars, and eventually socialist revolution. Capitalism cannot cure its constantly deepening crisis, which originates in the very fiber of its profit-making economy. Even if victorious, the American and British "capitalist" Governments could not possibly reverse the fundamental trends which have brought the hopelessly sick capitalist world system to its present debacle. And Hitler's New World Order, with its violent subjugation and de-industrialization of France, Belgium, Holland, and, especially, England, would, if he could carry it through, only make matters worse. World capitalism is incurably diseased and reactionary.

These are the plain facts of the basic world situation. Consequently the present course of our Government, which is to head into the imperialist war, can bring only disaster to the American people. No peace, prosperity and democracy, but war, pauperization and fascism lie along that road. Therefore, we need imperatively a basic reorientation in American foreign policy. In order to conserve our people's welfare, we must dissolve our virtual war alliance with imperialist England, and adopt an attitude of neutrality toward the war. Then, a policy of isolationism being unthinkable, we should begin to establish friendly contacts with the genuine peace-loving and democratic forces throughout the

world. Accordingly, we should give all possible aid to Nationalist China and stop furnishing war materials to Japan; we should develop a truly democratic collaboration with the nations of Latin America; we should cultivate close contacts with the peoples of India and the oppressed and vanquished nations of Europe; and especially we should come to a closer and more friendly understanding with the Soviet Union. It is along such a line, and not in war alliance with imperialist England, that the American people can help establish world peace, democracy and prosperity, and thereby protect its own liberties and well-being.

Tonight I wish to elaborate upon only one phase of the above-sketched people's foreign policy, namely that of developing friendly relations between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. The great American and Soviet nations have no trade, territorial or other conflicts; instead they have the most basic interests in common; for only a handful of capitalists and their henchmen could gain by keeping them apart because of ideological questions. Both peoples could profit enormously from close and friendly relations.

Firstly, let us consider the fundamental question of world peace. Aside from a small minority of imperialist war-mongers, undoubtedly the vast majority of the American people ardently desire peace. Very well then, the Soviet Union is a trustworthy defender of peace, one with which

the Soviet Union is an undying opponent of imperialist war and a loyal ally of all nations desiring a just peace.

Secondly, there is the question of preserving and developing world democracy. Surely here also the American people have a most vital interest. Very well then, we can do nothing better than to collaborate with the Soviet Union, the world's most advanced democracy. With its industries and land collectivized and its government in the hands of the people, the Soviet Union is on a fundamentally higher level of democracy than any capitalist country is or can be. It is a monstrous lie to lump together as one, Soviet Socialism and capitalist fascism. In the U.S.S.R., it is true that many cherished bourgeois rights have been abolished, including the right of a handful of rich to privately own and exploit vital industries, to rob the workers and peasants, to abuse the Negroes and Jews as sub-human beings, to run the Government as their private affair, and to wage war to increase their personal profits. Because it has abolished these anti-social rights is why the world bourgeoisie and all its agents so relentlessly hate and combat the Soviet Union. But in the U.S.S.R., the toiling masses have acquired a freedom far greater than in any other country. In his book, *Russia and the Approach to Armageddon*, Lieutenant Commander Seeley, United States Navy, retired, himself by no

alone after England and France had sold it out.

Nationalist China has likewise received the unstinted help of the U.S.S.R., while the United States and Great Britain have been appeasing Japan by shipping it the munitions and other materials necessary for its war against China. If the Soviet Union was unable to develop a peace front with the bourgeois democracies, England and France, it is because these Tory-ridden countries did not wish it. They looked upon the U.S.S.R. as their main enemy, and their central foreign policy was directed towards encouraging Germany and Japan to attack the Soviet Union.

Thirdly, the American people, plagued by mass unemployment, industrial crises, and widespread hunger amidst potential plenty, are eager to solve these deadly problems. Therefore, all the more necessary are friendly relations, with the U.S.S.R., which, with its Socialist system, has found the answer to the economic and political contradictions which are destroying capitalism, harassing humanity and throwing the world into war.

Socialism in the Soviet Union has permanently solved the problem of economic crises and mass unemployment. It has opened the door to practically a limitless economic development. Today industrial production in the U.S.S.R. is ten times as great as it was in 1929 and it is rapidly increasing; whereas in the United States, the most powerful of all capitalist countries, production, in spite of New Deal economic shots in the arm and huge armament expenditures, still hovers about the 1929 level. Soviet Socialism is rapidly raising the living and cultural standards of its toiling masses, whereas such standards are falling throughout the capitalist world. Socialism is rapidly expanding mass education and also giving a tremendous stimulation to the arts and sciences. It has vastly diminished crime, prostitution, and insanity; it has ended anti-Semitism and national oppression within its borders, and in its social system it bears the seeds of future world peace.

The Soviet people, frankly realizing they had much to learn from our tremendous industrial achievements, have sent over here from time to time hundreds of engineers to study our industries. We Americans have also a vast amount to learn from the Soviet political system, which is a full stage further advanced than ours. We, too, should frankly recognize the fact and objectively study Soviet Socialism in action. The main lesson we have to learn from the Soviet people is that while we may relieve our deepening economic crisis temporarily with New Deal spending makeshifts, we can make our economic and political life healthy and progressive only when we socialize the industries and the land. We will have to recognize that there are no further real frontiers of development for America under capitalism. Indeed the whole world can find new frontiers only under Socialism.

In the hands of you young people rests the future welfare of our people. You must be prepared to defend and improve your living standards and civil liberties. To this end you will have to fight through your student organizations, through the American Youth Congress, and in so doing you should cooperatively act with the trade unions and other progressive forces. At the same time you must study Socialism, both on the basis of American political realities and Soviet experience. You should investigate the Soviet political system as diligently as the Russians have studied our industrial system. To this end I recommend to your attention the Dean of Canterbury's book entitled, *The Soviet Power*. This book, written by a sincere Christian, a close observer and an honest critic, gives an authentic picture of what is actually going on in the U.S.S.R. No open-minded person can read the Dean's book and still believe in the absurd anti-Soviet slanders now so widely current in this country.

Fourthly, the American people should develop a better understanding with the Soviet Union, because in the stormy world situation ahead the United States will imperatively need strong friends. The Soviet Union, stretching over one-sixth of the earth and located very strategically, with almost 200,000,000 population, with limitless resources and the greatest industrial system in Europe, and with tremendous mechanized defense forces, is a very powerful country. Let me again quote Commander Seeley, who says (p. 39): "It is my considered opinion that no nation, or possible combination of nations in the world today, could overthrow the present Russian system of Government."

As part of the bitter capitalist hatred and misrepresentation campaign against the U.S.S.R., the attempt is being made to picture that country as a weakling. But Hitler, who has to deal with

realities, apparently does not agree with such wishful thinking. There was nothing he wanted more than to seize the golden Ukraine, one of the most favored spots on this earth. For years he openly announced his plans to grab that rich Soviet State and he built his anti-Comintern axis with this end in view. Moreover, Tory England and France would have been very joyful had he made the attempt and could have been relied upon by him for help. The United States Government, too, would have been far from unhappy over such a venture by Hitler. But when it came to the real showdown, Hitler preferred to face battle with England, France, Belgium, Holland, Poland, Denmark, and Norway simultaneously and with the United States looming in the background, rather than to tackle the U.S.S.R. In this course Hitler followed the line of least resistance; he knew where the easiest pickings lay.

Japan also did not fare too well with its long planned anti-Soviet drive. It took a few bites on the Soviet granite in the Far East and then let go, openly admitting it had been defeated by the Soviet mechanized Red Army. Now, regardless of Japan's strong objections, the U.S.S.R. goes right ahead furnishing vital war supplies to Nationalist China. Refuting American anti-Soviet journalistic slanders, experience shows clearly that the U.S.S.R., vigorous and powerful, is quite capable of taking care of itself in this world of war-mad capitalist states.

The United States and the U.S.S.R. are from a military standpoint the two potentially most powerful nations in the world. In friendly collaboration for peace their power would be irresistible. Such collaboration on their part would give a tremendous stimulus to the other huge peace-loving, democratic forces of the world—peoples of China, India, Latin America, the oppressed nations of Europe and the international labor movement, who, all taken together, are the only forces that can develop the necessary program and strength to save humanity from the wars, famine, enslavement and general chaos attendant upon the collapse of the world capitalist system.

To develop at least a measure of friendly relations with the Soviet Union, it is not necessary that our government become Socialist or Popular Front. The Soviet Government enters into cooperative relations with all capitalist governments, and lives up to them loyally. There is no sound basis, therefore, why our present Administration, cannot greatly improve its relations with the Soviets. Labor and progressive forces generally should demand that this be done. In fact, there are already some tentative steps being taken toward this general end. Those who may be hoping, however, that these steps will lead to a war alliance in which the U.S.S.R. will do Wall Street's fighting in the Far East will be disappointed.

From the birth of the U.S.S.R., the American Government has been sharply anti-Soviet. President Wilson in 1918-20 sent troops to take part in the general armed attempt by England, France, Japan and other countries to overthrow the Soviet Government. After this war intervention failed, our Government participated in the savage economic blockade which was designed to starve the Socialist Soviet people into capitulating to world capitalism; and for 18 years after the Russian Revolution successive Federal Administrations refused the U.S.S.R. diplomatic recognition. President Roosevelt finally granted such recognition, but ever since he has followed a policy of harmful bickering with the Soviet Union. During the Soviet-Finnish conflict American official sources even encouraged the British-French attempt to organize a general capitalist war against the U.S.S.R.

This anti-Soviet orientation must be changed. There is every good reason for collaboration between the two great peoples of the United States and the Soviet Union. As we have already indicated, much can be done in this direction even under the present government, but when the workers and farmers play a far greater role in our political life than they do now, when they liquidate our government's imperialist policies, then American-Soviet collaboration will reach its highest levels. The American people yearn for peace, democracy and prosperity. All of us, Americans, wish to win our way to these great goals. Friendly relations with the Soviet Union, as part of a general policy of peace cooperation with the peoples of India, China and Latin America and other progressive and down-trodden peoples, would provide a major key to the achievement of this better life by our people.



WM. Z. FOSTER

Louis Has Boston Agog Tonight

Home of John L. Sullivan Sees First Heavy Title Bout as Champ Meets Al McCoy Before Sellout House

BOSTON, Dec. 15 (UP). — Boston, which produced the first Marquis of Queensberry heavyweight champion, John L. Sullivan, and the more recent Jack Sharkey, will have its first heavyweight title fight tomorrow night when Joe Louis makes his 12th crown defense against Al McCoy at the Garden.

This 15-round bout is expected to set a new fight-gate record for the hub city with a gross of about \$65,000, although the Boston challenger is given virtually no chance. The current record of \$56,000 was set in 1925 at Braves Field when Jack Sharkey beat Jim Maloney. That was before Sharkey became champion.

Louis, launching his fight-a-month campaign, is a 10-1 favorite to beat 26-year-old McCoy, who was easily defeated by Billy Conn, light heavyweight king, on Oct. 18. The betting is 2-1 that Bomber Joe belts Al out within five rounds.

Boston fans are not greatly concerned with the outcome of this bout. They take it for granted that the brown-lightning champion will do a quick job on McCoy, but they are eager to see Louis in action. Hence nearly 18,000 are expected to swarm into the Garden. At least that's the prediction of co-promoters Rip Valenti of Boston and Mike Jacobs of New York.

As Louis concluded sparring today at Johnny Buckley's Gym, he appeared in excellent condition for this first of five title fights to be staged between now and May. His appearance and his work against sparmates George Nicholson and James J. Johnson in four fast rounds belied reports that jolting Joe had fattened and grown slow since his last bout with Arturo Godoy in June. At Monday's weigh-in he will scale about 201½ pounds, the same as for Godoy. He

looks "like a million bucks." At 25, he probably is right at the peak of his prowess.

When asked what he thought of McCoy as an opponent, Louis said, "I never saw him fight. I understand he's a good fighter. He'd better be Monday night, because I'm goin' after him like he was a good fighter. I'll try to knock him out as quick as I can."

Louis has done his sparring at the downtown gymnasium operated by Buckley, former manager of Sharkey, but he and his entourage live in the village of Saxonville, 18 miles out of the city. There the champion does his roadwork every morning. Trainer Jack Blackburn says, "Chaplin runs like a deer in the mornin'; never see such legs on a man." Before coming to Boston two weeks ago, Louis conditioned for a fortnight at West Baden, Ind., a springs resort.

Joe will have nearly 15 pounds advantage over McCoy, who expects to scale about 186. McCoy has the reputation of being a good puncher, although he revealed little dynamite against Conn. He is an excellent boxer, far more experienced than the champion. He has had nearly 90 bouts during nine years in the ring as he fought up through the divisions, from featherweight to heavy. He knocked out Nathan Mann in two rounds in 1939. Louis required three heats to turn the same trick.

Bomber Joe fought in Boston once before — and lost that time. That was in 1933 when he dropped a decision to Max Baer in the National Amateurs as a light heavyweight. But Joe expects to have better luck Monday night.

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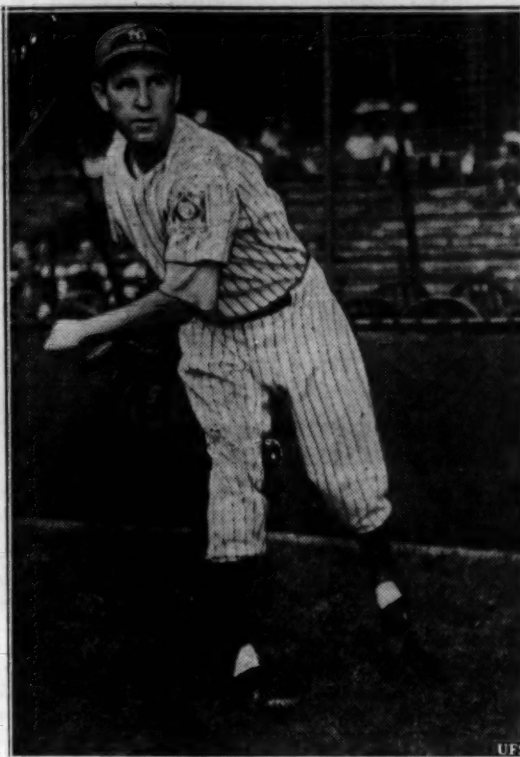
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LIU Takes Spotlight From CCNY

ECENTRIC YANKEE HURLERS TO BROOKLYN?



Very very strong rumors have the Dodgers angling for veteran Yankee pitchers Monte Pearson (left) and Lefty Gomez (right), on whom the ex-champs have asked waivers. Neither the frequently ailing right-hander nor the eccentric and falling left-hander was much help to the Yanks last year, but Monte has his moments of brilliance once a month and the Dodgers have only Grissom in their left-handed ranks.



Surprises in A.L. Fielding Records

Just Traded Pytlak Sets Mark for Catchers—Doerr, McQuinn, Judnich Stand Out Defensively—Indians, Yanks Tie

Little Frankie Pytlak, the hustling backstop traded last week by the Cleveland Indians to the Boston Red Sox, established a new Major League record for consecutive chances without an error—571 between Sept. 10, 1938 and Sept. 18, 1940—according to the official American League fielding averages released last night.

Pytlak's record wipes out the former mark of 452 consecutive chances without an error set by Gabby Hartnett, Chicago Cubs' catcher who moves to the Polo Grounds next season as a coach under Bill Terry. Pytlak played in only 58 games last season but made only one error, giving him the league's top fielding mark of .996. In 1939 he played in 51 games without committing an error.

Fielding picked up generally in the American League last season. The league's fielding average rose one point from .989 to .970, double plays increased 12 to 1,195, and there were 22 fewer errors, with

WHAT'S ON

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FISTIC ROW

Zivic-Jenkins Next; Amateurs Tonight; Great Buy at Coliseum

Two champions who won their crowns in 1940 feature the boxing week when they meet in a non-title go at the Garden Friday night. Lightweight champ Lew Jenkins, who kayaked Lou Ambers for the title, clashes with the more and more highly regarded Fritz Zivic, who outpunched the great Henry Armstrong for the welter title.

Neither has ever been beaten in the Garden. Zivic's pound weight edge (they'll probably scale 144-134) will make him a slight favorite, but the memory of Jenkins' terrific hitting power against all his foes will keep that edge a small one. It should be a race between Zivic's wearing Lew down with body thumps and Jenkins connecting right with Fritz's chin.

Tonight the Garden is the scene of the Journal American Diamond Belt amateur finals, with 24 bouts on the list. At the Golden Gate in Harlem Basil Jones, 112-pound Golden Gloves champ, meets Charles Bayron of Puerto Rico.

Tomorrow night ex-light-heavy champ Melio Bettina battles Solly Kriger at the Broadway Arena. The Bronx Coliseum puts on what promises to be the small club fistic treat of the year with five eight rounders. Undeclared Terry Young meets Bobby Ruffin, Ernie Vigh vs. Gene Molnar, Tony Ferraro vs.

140,000 Seat Stadium Going Up Near Moscow

MOSCOW, Dec. 15.—Side by side with the tremendous construction projects undertaken in the Third Five-Year Plan period, work is progressing on the erection of a number of stadiums, athletic fields, gymnasiums, etc., in various parts of the Soviet Union.

Noteworthy among these is the huge Stalin Stadium in Izmailovo, a suburb of Moscow. It will be the largest stadium in the capital, with

TOMORROW
The Local Court
Coaches Tell All
About Their
Teams' Prospects

B'klyn Vets Spill Dope, City Goes Haywire in Surprise Court Opening at Garden

Beemen Put on Heat to Trim Oregon as King, Lobello Show Form—City Off in Marksmanship, Bows to Oklahoma Despite Speed and Signs of Class

By Lester Rodney

CCNY and Oregon got all the publicity, but Oklahoma A&M and LIU played the basketball. That's the quickest way to describe Saturday night's double form upset at the Garden as the college court season opened before a packed house of 18,000 some odd.

An even split for the local heroes had been more or less expected by the cognoscenti, but the other way around. A supposedly sluggish LIU quintet with a supposedly out of form Bill King was expected to go down before the charge of the 6 foot 4, 7 and 9 giants from Oregon, but in a very

COURT NOTES

B'klyn Wins, Ram, Notre Dame Beaten—NYU Shows Next

Brooklyn College, which puts NYU to its first real test at the Heights Court Tuesday night, made it four in a row Saturday night against a hard fighting Savage team at the Brooklyn gym 61-46. Captain Julie Kasser went on a scoring spree in this loose battle, tallying 24 points on 8 field goals and no less than 9 fouls.

Up at Hanover, Fordham met its second defeat of the year when it was nipped by Dartmouth 44-40. The Rams, playing their second game in two nights, made it a thriller right down to the wire. Dick Fitzgerald matched Broberg's 15 points and Max Loeffler and Croker scored 9 each as the Rams outscored the home team in field goals, but Dartmouth moved away at the finish.

Other Saturday night results saw Butler nailing out Ohio State of the Big Ten, 51-49, Cornell routing Lafayette 57-21, George Washington beating W & L 30-24, Indiana's always good team rout Marshall 53-22, Manhattan nip Muhlenberg down in Pennsylvania, 43-36, Michigan and Minnesota open with victories over Michigan Normal and Idaho, 33-16 and 32-26, Nebraska beat Marquette 35-21, Temple beat Lehigh 53-47, surprisingly close, and Wisconsin upset Notre Dame 44-43.

Next Saturday night the second Garden doubleheader pits NYU against Syracuse high scoring team and St. Johns against Oklahoma (not A & M). The Violet has all but Bobby Lewis back from its "Wonder Team" of last year, and Nat Lazar is filling in nicely. The Brooklyn Redmen have a veteran outfit boasting Garfinkle, White, Barnett and Gellen plus such really good sophomores as Tough, Pidgeon and Levane.

Johnny Rinaldi, Aaron Selzer vs. Norman Silver and Peanuts Barbetta vs. Johnny Clemente. It's a fistic buy at 50 cents general admission, 75c reserved and \$1.15 ringside. More action than many \$7.75 Garden shows.

BOX SCORES

CCNY (24)		OKLAHOMA (32)	
Monito, lf	0 0 0	Smelser, lf	0 0 0
Fishman	0 0 0	Newman	2 0 4
Pack	0 0 0	Egginton, rf	1 2 4
Wingard	0 0 0	Schiffel	0 0 0
Lozman	0 0 0	Schwartz, c	4 1 9
Holman, rf	0 0 0	Francis	2 0 2
Gerson, c	0 0 0	Floyd, lf	2 3 7
Phillips, lf	4 1 8	Taylor	0 1 1
Scheer, rf	2 0 0	Mullan, rf	2 1 3
Goldstein	2 1 7	Pate	0 0 0
Totals		Totals	
10 4 24		13 8 33	

LIU (43)		OREGON (31)	
Lobello, lf	4 2 19	Anderson, lf	3 6 8
Simon	1 0 2	Taylor	1 0 3
King, rf	0 0 0	Widmeyer	1 0 0
Wallerson	0 0 0	McNeely, rf	2 2 6
Remders	2 1 5	Marshall, c	3 0 8
Holub	0 0 0	Borrevik	1 0 0
Schuman, lf	3 1 5	Jackson, lf	1 0 3
Sharf	1 0 0	Andrews	2 1 3
Schwartz, rf	3 4 10	Townsend, rf	1 1 3
Cohen	2 1 5	Kirsch	0 0 0
Totals		Totals	
17 8 43		14 3 39	

Of course 32-24 isn't too great a margin, and the fact that the City boys could come even that close on a night when their marksmanship after working the ball in was so atrocious, is an indication that they still can be the kind of team their early showings led everyone to believe they would.

Now that's a complicated sentence for a Monday morning, so suppose we just say that City gave the impression that they were a much better team than they play indicated. If you can picture that. That's not so simple either, is it. How do you know their marksmanship won't always be lousy...? But these boys have shown that they can drop the leather through that net and with the unaccustomed sensation of trailing from the start Saturday night were putting on too much pressure to live up to their extravagant press notices. The game should have done them a lot of good. I wouldn't bet against them running Santa Clara out of the arena in their next Garden test.

The Okies were off to a 7-0 lead before City knew what was happening. The local boys would come back to narrow the gap periodically after that with some brilliant play, mostly by Phillips and Goldstein on the scoring end, but the visitors never crumbled, always coolly managed to hold the ball and put in a counter-shot, to discourage the battling Holmen. At times City looked like the worldbeaters they were supposed to be, working the ball in with a series of lightning passes that shook a man loose right underneath — and then the man flubbed the shot. At long range the Lavender was sick. Holzman just couldn't hit the way he has been so far this season and when none of them drop it just too sad, especially when you're shooting against a possession team like the Aggies that can take the ball off the backboard eight times out of ten.

And yet with the excellence of the visitors and the amazing shooting lapses of our boys, City managed to make a game of it for a while in the second half and ended within some kind of hailing distance. They won't be missing them that way again in the Garden.

UNDERRATED BLACKBIRDS
What with Clair Bee's pessimism and things, nobody had expected LIU to show the smart and accurate shooting brand of ball that should have been expected from a veteran team under the expert guidance of a shrewd mentor like the busy one of Brooklyn. After zigzagging back and forth with the fast breaking, one hand shooting Okies for a half, the locals felt their oats and opened up to draw away with convincing ease.

The word is that King is still the magnificent one under the basket, 6 foot 9 toes or no, Lobello can still shoot better than anyone around when he gets a split second to set himself. Sheetman can still run and run and run and make openings at least as often as he throws the leather away. Schwartz is still an experienced shotmaker and big Beenders, while no wonder boy, is a handy big boy to have around. Nor is sophomore Cohen a liability.

All right, if you're the curious kind of fan who likes speculation: LIU would have beaten CCNY handsomely, and isn't that an upset from the pre-game dope.

(Speaking of pre game dopes, didn't we pick Oregon and CCNY?)

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